

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF IOWA**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST**

**STEVEN D. RINGEL, M.D., RESPONDENT**

**FILE No. 02-05-078**

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**STATEMENT OF CHARGES,**

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT and FINAL ORDER  
(combined)**

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**COMES NOW** the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners (the Board), and  
Steven D. Ringel, M.D., (Respondent), on April, 7, 2005, and pursuant  
to Iowa Code sections 17A.10(2) and 272C.3(4), file this combined Statement of Charges,  
Settlement Agreement and Final Order.

**STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

1. Respondent was issued license number 33328 to practice medicine and surgery  
in Iowa on February 10, 2000.
2. Respondent's Iowa medical license is active and will next expire on March 1,  
2006.
3. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 147,  
148 and 272C.

## **COUNT I**

4. Respondent is charged under Iowa Code section 148.6(2)(d) (2003) with being disciplined by the medical licensing authority of another state.

### **CIRCUMSTANCES**

5. On December 13, 2004, Respondent entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board of Healing Arts of the State of Kansas. Respondent voluntarily surrendered his Kansas medical license based on the following allegations:

- A. On numerous occasions between 2000 and April 2004, Respondent inappropriately wrote prescriptions for Hydrocodone for an illegitimate purpose.
- B. On numerous occasions between 2000 and April 2004, Respondent inappropriately wrote prescriptions for Hydrocodone using fictitious patient names for several of his acquaintances.
- C. On numerous occasions between 2000 and April 2004, Respondent inappropriately wrote prescriptions for Hydrocodone using fictitious patient names for his own use.
- D. On numerous occasions between 2000 and April 2004, Respondent inappropriately wrote prescriptions for Hydrocodone without maintaining appropriate medical records.
- E. Respondent and his acquaintances inappropriately obtained over 30,000 dosage units of Hydrocodone.

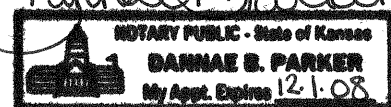
## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

6. The Board has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter herein.
7. Respondent admits the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges.
8. **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE:** Respondent **voluntarily surrenders his Iowa medical license.**
9. This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order constitutes the resolution of a contested case proceeding.
10. By entering into this combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order, the Respondent voluntarily waives any rights to a contested case hearing on the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges, and waives any objections to the terms of this Settlement Agreement.
11. This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order, is voluntarily submitted by Respondent to the Board for consideration.
12. This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order, is subject to approval of the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Order, it shall be of no force or effect to either party.
13. The Board's approval of this Statement of Charges and Settlement agreement shall constitute a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

  
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Steven, M.D., Respondent

Subscribed and sworn to before me on March 2nd, 2005.

Notary Public, State of Kansas.



This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order is approved by  
the Board on April 7, 2005.



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